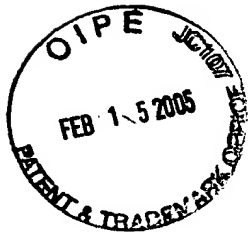


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In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.